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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the above application in view of the above amendments and the below remarks is requested.

With the above amendment, claims 1, 3, 8 and 12 remain. The other claims have been canceled.

In the Office Action, the Patent Office indicated that claims 3 and 12 were objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and including any limitations in any intervening claims.

With the above amendment to claim 1, applicants have now defined the phosphorus compounds therein. Support for the amendment can be found in paragraphs [0031] and [0032] at page 11, line 26 to page 12, line 22 as well as the examples of the specification. The phosphorus compounds in claim 1 are not disclosed nor taught by the cited documents. As such, applicants believe that claims 3, 8, and 12 are patentable over the cited documents.

The rejections in the Office Action have been traversed and withdrawal thereof is requested.

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Applicants submit that the concerns of the Patent Office have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

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